

# The Hartford News

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## Next Steps in Charter Revision

Notes from the March 18th Public Information Session

BY DONNA SWARR

Attorney Steven G. Mednick has been hired to work with the City Charter Revision Commission. This includes providing legal advice, consulting with Corporation Counsel, researching issues, preparing workshops, and facilitating the commission's communications with the city council and the mayor's office. The purpose of the Charter Revision Commission is to come up with structural reform. Attorney Mednick has re-written the governance structures for many of the largest municipalities in the State of Connecticut, and has worked on the past four Hartford Charter Revisions. He said the goal is to "...establish a blueprint for the governance of the city and to determine what the mayor and council are responsible for." As part of the charter resolution, the council and the mayor must appoint members to the Charter Reform Commission within 30 days of the resolution (April 21st); 13-15 members will be chosen by the council and the mayor, who gets to choose two. There are two rules regarding the commission's membership: Only one-third of the members can hold public office or be city employees, and no party can have more than a bare majority. That means only 7-8 members may belong to the Democratic party, and the remaining members need to be from other parties or be unaffiliated.

The first question is the scope of the reform. The council's resolution was broad, whereas it could have limited the areas for review, e.g. budgetary matters. It's now up to the commission to define the scope. Their first meeting will be organizational. The second meeting is required by law. They must hold a public meeting to hear residents' opinions regarding what needs to be improved as well as input from city councilors, past officials, and the mayor's office. The third meeting is a walk through the existing charter, paragraph by paragraph. This is to educate everyone about what is in it, as well as identify areas that are no longer relevant. Attorney Mednick shared that he was brought on board three months early to review the Special Act Provisions, as there are over 100 pages of ancient pensions provisions that need to be reconsidered. After the third meeting, the working meetings begin. The commission will need to decide if they want to have a charter that includes processes and procedures where everything is laid out, or a constitutional document that has broad standards. These are more flexible, as it is easier to update city codes and ordi-

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## River Dance to Welcome Spring

Spring officially started last Saturday, March 20, and, as if on cue, the weather got dramatically warmer. The pleasant conditions brought people out in droves to Hartford's many parks to walk, jog, cycle and even dance, as this couple is doing at Riverfront Plaza in Downtown Hartford. (Hart photo)

## Hartford...Once Upon a Time



The building at the corner of Allyn and High Street (above, center) is officially known as the Judd & Root Building. It was built in 1883 and designed by the firm of Kimball & Wisedell, the same architects who designed the Goodwin Building on Asylum Street. Union Station can be seen in the background at right. The building at left has been replaced by a parking lot, unfortunately. (Photo courtesy of the Hartford History Center at the Hartford Public Library)

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Pop-up Food Market Downtown Saturday

Mercado Popular, a pop-up food market, will be held this Saturday, March 27, from 12 - 4 pm at 111 Allyn Street in Downtown Hartford. The market will be selling farm fresh produce, including tomatoes, turnips, beets, squash, potatoes, garlic, onions, lettuce, spinach and peppers as well as eggs, milk, yogurt, specialty bread and much more.

### Colt Park Clean-up this Saturday

The Friends of Colt Park will hold its first clean-up of the year on Saturday, March 27, beginning at 10 am. Volunteers are asked to meet by the Colt Memorial Statue, near the Wethersfield Avenue entrance opposite Morris Street. Trash-pickers, garbage bags and gloves will be supplied, along with coffee and donuts. Registration is required; email swarrds@comcast.net

### Pop-Up Bookstore Downtown Sunday

On Sunday, March 28, The Key Bookstore will host a pop-up book sale on Pratt Street in Downtown Hartford from 12-4 pm. In addition to books, cards and gifts will be for sale from Hartford Prints. The Key is a Black Owned bookstore curated on for the pillars of Afrocentricity, Spirituality, Environmentalism, and Entrepreneurship. Masks are required and capacity will be limited to maintain social distancing. Street parking is FREE downtown on Sunday.

### Library Seeks Art for Exhibit on Revolutionary Latinas in Hartford

Hartford Public Library has extended the deadline for artwork submissions to its planned exhibit on Revolutionary Latinas in Hartford to June 1, 2021. Artwork can be submitted by going to: <https://tinyurl.com/y3oluz7t>. It is open to all Hartford residents (past or present) of any age. Family or collaborative submissions accepted. Submit a digital image of artwork you've created to celebrate someone in Hartford that you believe represents the qualities of a revolutionary Latina & tell us why. Art will be part of an online exhibit launched on March 30 and part of the new Park Library opening.

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# VIOLATION?

HPA’s aggressive ticketing deters visitors and hurts downtown businesses

COMMENTARY BY ANNE GOSHDIGIAN

In last week’s edition of the Hartford News, my colleague Mike McGarry made mention of a friend who had recently received a \$45 parking ticket after parking Downtown, and who stated “I’ll never come Downtown again.” Sadly, this one visitor’s experience is just the tip of an iceberg big enough to take out the Titanic. I’ve called out the Hartford Parking Authority on these pages before, and deservedly so. The higher fines and penalties for parking violations, confusing appeal process, and unresponsiveness. Downtown has been pretty empty for nearly a year now, due to the majority of office employees working remotely and likely continuing to do so for the foreseeable future. What few retail businesses and restaurants remain open desperately need customers to keep them

afloat during the pandemic. A recent post on a Hartford Facebook page about parking tickets and the HPA generated dozens of comments and tales of woe. Here is just a small fraction of them:

“I have personally seen Hartford Parking Authority give tickets out when there are 5 minutes left on the meter. It’s all about the \$\$\$.”

“The HPA is a horribly run organization. When the public library spots that were once free started being paid spots, they would stake out standing behind one of the stone pillars to try to catch people dropping off books for 2 minutes and leaving.”

It’s so sad that the city is hurting so much and HPA is waiting like hawks to give someone a ticket. But they, HPA workers, are just trying to meet their quotas each day.”

“I was in Hartford last Thursday and walked into Artichoke restaurant, pulled out the app to pay, and while I was doing so saw the ticket man pull up to my car. I ran outside and told him ‘Sir, I just pulled up and I’m paying on the app.’”

“It’s sad that when parking in Hartford many people feel they need to gather their evidence against getting a ticket in error. I went through my phone the other day and deleted hundreds of photos of parking meters and signs taken to prepare for getting a ticket in error. I worked downtown for a number of years. I can’t say how many times those pictures actually came in handy when getting a ticket! Very sad.”

“The parking mafia strikes again. You’d think with Hartford being on life support they’d want as many people as possible downtown. My offices are in downtown and I have lived downtown for years. But they keep charging prices that would make NYC blush.”

“The appeal process has only become more difficult over the years. I’m talking before COVID.”

“Omg!! Just happened to us in front of our OWN business on Asylum Street-- parked for five minutes. I’m appealing this too. This city is horrible!”

Now I don’t want to hear “Do you know how much it costs to park in New York City?!” or “You have to pay to park in West Hartford.” Downtown Hartford isn’t NYC or even Blueback Square, both with a plethora of thriving businesses. This city needs to sweeten the pot in order to draw in folks with money

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## SHORT CUT:

Ding-Dong, the DoNo's Dead! It has a certain ring...

BY ANNE GOSHDIGIAN

Well not the project--just the name. Apparently, Randy Salvatore of RMS (the developer) and perhaps his friends at the city's Department of Development Services and City Hall have been suffering with some PTSD because of the bad associations with the DoNo moniker--an unpleasant reminder of Centerplan, the original developer. I guess they said “DoNo harm”. So henceforth, those properties on the fringe of the North End have now been dubbed “North Crossing”. Ahhh, North Crossing! It’s a name that conjures up the image of a bucolic, green swath of land in a forested quiet setting alongside a babbling brook while horses graze in a nearby meadow. Or maybe it’s just an advisory to be extremely careful when crossing that area of Main Street where drivers tend to be a bit on the

reckless side. Remember that video from last year with the guy in the smoking banged-up car zig-zagging insanely by the baseball stadium with at least one wheel on the rim before doing a U-turn into

oncoming traffic and careening back down the street while stunned people looked on in horror? North Crossing, indeed.



RMS has high hopes for the project’s ability to adopt the North End and draw it into the bosom of the Downtown family, along with hopes for a big cash infusion from the CRDA. Doesn’t hurt that the mayor sits on that board. Meanwhile, the carrot-on-a-stick--a supermarket!--is once again being dangled as a possible enticement to future residents of the \$2,000+ per month apartments that will rise there.

North Crossing. It sounds like music, doesn’t it?



### Politically Speaking

A Fresh Look at Issues Facing our Region & State

BY MIKE MCGARRY

## Something New in The Meadows

Hartford Publications, the publisher of the Hartford News, Hartford Guides, the Greater Hartford Guide, etc has established a Welcome Center at the recently opened Pride Travel Center in Hartford’s North Meadows. The Travel Center is located at 10 Jennings Road, exit 33 off I-91, near Hartford Public Works and the old police station.

The Welcome Center has brochures from all over Connecticut and New England, copies of various free publications (including the Hartford News, Greater Hartford Guide and the East Hartford Gazette), maps of Downtown Hartford, a local reference book, and soon advertisements for local goods and services on a large TV monitor.

Since this facility is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, please refer friends and family to it for all kinds of information.

The new Pride Travel Center itself is quite something! You can juice up your vehicle with natural gas, propane, electricity and, of course, plain old gasoline. Truckers stopping at the Travel Center can

do their thing (showers, special merchandise, etc.) and many local employees have been stopping by for a quick something for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The new Pride Travel Center is also becoming a



favorite with travelers going up and down I-91 since it offers so many things all in one convenient place. In fact, it’s the only facility of its kind on I-91 from Canada to Long Island Sound.

It has taken some time for this large, state-of-the-art facility to open. But legal and technical issues have now been overcome and this job-creator and tax payer is now doing great business.

The goal of the Welcome Center, when full travel starts again, is to direct visitors to businesses and services in the area (especially Hartford). Maps of Maine, Vermont and Downtown Hartford are proving to be particularly popular. Once traffic picks up, the Welcome Center will be staffed with local people who will offer information on Greater Hartford and all it has to offer. For more information, call the Hartford News at 860-296-6128.

## Hartford Athletic Home Opener May 15

Hartford Athletic soccer team will host Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC in their home opening match at Dillon Stadium on Saturday, May 15.

"I am so excited to get started. This season is going to be a real test for our whole squad, and every player will play a part in the journey. The work ethic, energy, and buy-in to our staff’s plan has been excellent," said Hartford Athletic Head Coach Harry Watling. "We need to start off strong on the road, and we can't wait for our home opener against Pittsburgh in front of #FortressHartford!"

Last season, Hartford edged the Hounds for first place in Group F

after a 1-0 victory at Highmark Stadium in Pittsburgh launched Hartford to the top of the table. The match will also mark the return of Hartford's all-time leading scorer, Alex Dixon, who signed with Pittsburgh during the offseason.

Hartford Athletic will open the 2021 campaign on the road against New York Red Bulls II on Friday, April 30th.

More details on the 2021 USL Championship season, including the national television schedule on ESPN, the complete regular season schedule, and the postseason structure, will be available in the coming weeks.

## Job Training Program Accepting Applications Now

CRT is accepting applications for our YouthBuild job training program. We are seeking young adults 18 – 24 from Hartford and East Hartford who want to earn while you learn! Weekly stipend paid! No HS diploma needed – we’ll help you get your GED! Opportunities available in Construction, CNA or Medical Assistant, and Security Guards. Training will be held at the CRT Youth Artisan and Technology Center, 1443-1445 Main Street, Hartford. For more information, call 860-560-5308, ext. 227.

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# Mass Shootings and Killings: A Distinct American Tradition

COMMENTARY BY BILL KATZ

These shootings and killings are the collateral damage that we as a society must pay for our brand of purported freedom; a brand falsely based on, (I'm about to yawn), a 2nd amendment right that is in reality, no right at all but one twisted in its intent and used to sell products for profits.

The *Hartford Courant* once gave me op-ed space to write about gun control in 1983. Here we are 38 years later with little improvement. My argument then was that the 2nd amendment, written in the 18th century, referred to defending ones homestead against a foreign invasion, namely, the British. It referred to the fear that First Peoples were about to attack a village of Eurocentrics and reclaim their property. And finally that there remained a need to have a firearm to shoot wildlife for food.

The British thang isn't happening. The Indians have forged a peace with their meager holdings and the only food hunting that is occurs happens at the frozen meat aisle at the local supermarket.

Oh, need I remind anyone that the second amendment refers to "an organized militia" and in 18th century parlance, signified a state reserve.

The gun game being waged today on the right to bear arms is really only about protecting a very profitable industry.

It's been said that up to 90% of the people want strong gun control legislation. Yet the wrong people are re-elected over and over that are willing to perpetuate the status quo.

The problem and the solution lay with you. As the saying goes, we are ultimately deserving of the people we elect to lead us. Give a look at our choice four years ago.



## Free Admission to Wadsworth Through June 30

The Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, 600 Main Street, Downtown Hartford, is extending its current free admission period through through June. Spring free from winter hibernations and come visit the Wadsworth. Reserve free tickets online in advance via [thewadsworth.org](http://thewadsworth.org). Walk-up visitors may be accommodated based on availability. (Hart photo)

# Downtown Library to Expand Services April 19

After closing and offering limited services due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Hartford Public Library will be taking another step toward resuming normal operations in mid-April.

Beginning Monday, April 19, the Downtown Library at 500 Main Street will begin offering curated browsing of its collection of books, DVDs, etc and socially distanced seating. The library will be open from 9 am to 6 pm, Monday-Thursday, and 9 am -5 pm Friday and Saturday.

Customers will be allowed to use the library for a two-hour visit period. Self-check machines will be available for customer convenience and safety. Borrowing library materials through HPL's contact-free service will continue at all library locations.

In addition, the Downtown Library will continue to offer dedicated computer use and copying and faxing. The Downtown Library will continue to offer appointments for Municipal ID, passport services, and will

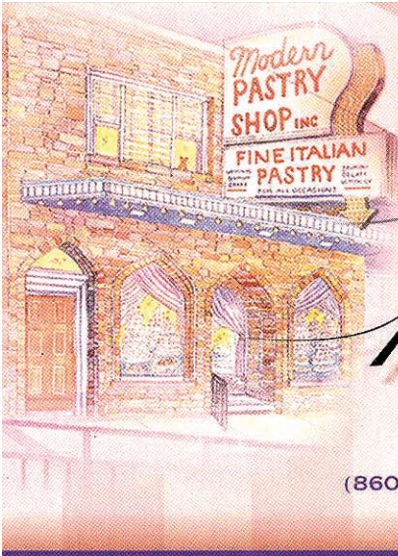


restore notary services.

The American Place and the Hartford History Center will continue to operate by appointment-only for the immediate future. The third floor children's room is currently having its flooring replaced and will not be available for public use but materials for children will be available as part of the browsing collection on the first floor. The ground floor will remain available to University of Connecticut students, faculty and staff who have a UConn ID.


There will be a phased reopening of HPL's neighborhood branches. Beginning in early May the Camp Field Library and Barbour Street Library will open two days per week with other branch locations to follow throughout the upcoming months. Details on the schedule of days and hours will be announced at a later date.


For more information about Hartford Public Library, visit [hplct.org](http://hplct.org).



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**Sunday, March 28, 9:00am, Palm Sunday (LS)**  
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**Thursday, April 1, 8:00pm, Maundy Thursday Taizé (LS)**  
A meditative service of spoken word and the beautiful melodies of Taizé, featuring vocalists, piano, and cello.

**Friday, April 2, 7:30pm, Good Friday (LS)**  
A traditional Good Friday service featuring the Fauré Requiem

**Easter Sunday, April 4**  
**6:15AM** In person sunrise service at Elizabeth Park Overlook. All are welcome.

**10:00AM (LS)** In person service in AHCC's parking lot with brass band, choir, and communion.



# HARTFORD COVID-19 UPDATES

## State Launches Program To Provide Emergency Rental and Utility Assistance Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

Governor Ned Lamont, members of Connecticut’s Congressional delegation, and Connecticut Housing Commissioner Seila Mosquera-Bruno today announced the launch of UniteCT, a new state program to provide rental and utility assistance

to qualified Connecticut households financially impacted by COVID-19. UniteCT may provide up to \$10,000 in rental assistance and up to \$1,500 in electric utility arrearage payments to landlords and utility companies on behalf of approved tenants. Tenants and landlords will be able to complete and track applications online from any computer or smart phone. Assistance will be available through a call center and at housing counseling agencies and other community partners across the state.

UniteCT is funded by Connecticut’s \$235 million share of the \$25 billion Congress appropriated for emergency rental and utility assistance in December’s stimulus package. Last week, Congress appropriated an additional \$21.55 billion for rental and utility assistance and \$10 billion for homeowner assistance, as well as \$4.5 billion for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program and \$500 million to assist low-income households that pay a high proportion of their income for drinking water and wastewater services, as part of the American Rescue Plan.

UniteCT builds on the previous work of Governor Lamont and Connecticut’s Congressional delegation to promote housing stability during the pandemic, including by:

- Supporting renters facing eviction before the pandemic (\$5 million);
- Rehousing people exiting homelessness or incarceration (\$5.8 million);
- Providing temporary short-term rental assistance (\$26.7 million);
- Availability of mortgage relief to homeowners (\$10 million);
- Supporting renters excluded from federal assistance because of their or their loved ones’ immigration status (\$3 million);
- Providing homeowners additional time to file property taxes;
- Working with local financial institutions to provide mortgage forbearance; and
- Issuing and extending one of the nation’s strongest and longest-lasting eviction moratoriums. (The Eviction Lab at Princeton University gives Connecticut the third-highest score in the country for that work.)

Homeowners struggling to pay their mortgage or facing foreclosure proceedings should consider the resources available through the federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. Last month, the Biden-Harris administration announced an extended opportunity to apply for up to 18 months of mortgage payment forbearance through programs Congress created in the CARES Act.

To learn more and apply for UniteCT, visit the Connecticut Department of Housing’s website at [ct.gov/doh](https://ct.gov/doh).



### Wooden Urges People of Color to Get Vaccinated

State Treasurer Shawn Wooden received his COVID-19 vaccination last week at the Parker Memorial Community Center on Main Street in Hartford. The vaccination clinic, which served over 800 people, was staffed by Trinity Health of New England. Pop-up clinics like this one are designed to reach high-risk populations - the majority of whom are people of color - by meeting people where they are. According to Wooden, data released in February by the CT Department of Health showed that White residents are significantly more likely to have been vaccinated than Black and Brown residents and the Treasurer has been a vocal advocate in pushing to make equity front and center in the vaccine rollout process. The pop-up vaccination clinic at Parker Memorial Community Center, 2621 Main Street, is open Monday-Friday, 8:20am - 3:40 pm. Appointments are required. Call/text 860-890-3161 or email: [AdvocacyToLegacy@gmail.com](mailto:AdvocacyToLegacy@gmail.com).

## How to Get Your Vaccine

### Who is eligible now?

As of last Friday, March 19, all Connecticut residents age 45 and older are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Other persons who are now eligible regardless of age include healthcare personnel; medical first responders; residents and staff of long-term care facilities and congregate living facilities; and educators and childcare providers. The vaccine is free. No insurance is required.

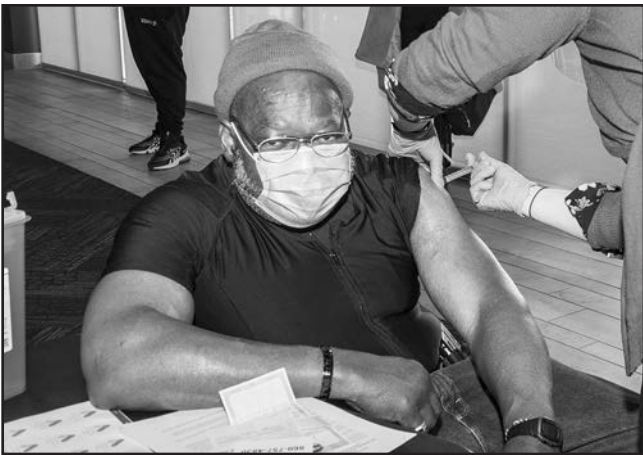
### Make an Appointment

#### By Phone:

- Multilingual State Line: 877-918-2224, M-F 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM.
- Multilingual Hartford Healthcare Line: 860-827-7690, M-F 8 am-5 pm
- Multilingual City Health Dept: 860-757-4830, M-F 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM. City is expanding staffing to answer calls.

#### Online:

- [ct.gov/covicvaccine](https://ct.gov/covicvaccine): State of CT: Put your zip code in top corner
- [HartfordHealthCare.org/vaccine](https://HartfordHealthCare.org/vaccine): Hartford Healthcare (Hartford Hosp.)
- [TrinityHealthOfNE.org/appointment](https://TrinityHealthOfNE.org/appointment): Trinity Healthcare (St. Francis Hosp.)
- City of Hartford: <https://www.hartfordct.gov>. There is a link at the top of the City of Hartford website to the City Vaccine Interest Online Form.



### Where to go for your vaccine

- **Every Saturday: Dunkin Donuts Stadium, 10 am - 3 pm. Appointment required! Call (860) 757-4830 or go to City of Hartford website and click on Vaccine Registration Form.**
- **Every Tuesday, 9am - 4 pm: parking lot across from Dunkin Donuts Stadium, 1215 Main Street, (vaccine site managed by Charter Oak Health Center). Call 860-550-7500 and then dial 0 to make an appointment (required).**
- Charter Oak Health Center, 21 Grand St., 860-550-7500
- Community Health Center, 76 New Britain Ave., (860) 547-0970
- Community Health Services, 500 Albany Ave., (860) 249-9625
- Connecticut Children's Medical Center, 282 Washington St., (860) 545-9000
- Hartford Healthcare Clinic (CT Convention Center), 100 Columbus Blvd., 860-827-7690
- Hartford Hospital, 85 Seymour St., 860-827-7690
- Parker Memorial Community Center, 2621 Main St., Monday-Friday, 8:20am - 3:40 pm. Call/text 860-890-3161 or email: [AdvocacyToLegacy@gmail.com](mailto:AdvocacyToLegacy@gmail.com)
- Saint Francis Hospital, 260 Ashley St., 1st Floor
- South End Senior Center, 830 Maple Ave., 877-918-2224
- Walgreens Pharmacy, 1291 Albany Ave.
- Charter Oak Health Center, 21 Grand St., 860-550-7500
- Walgreens Pharmacy, 161 Washington St., (860) 522-5005
- Wheeler Family Health & Wellness Center, 43 Woodland St., 860-793-3500

### Free Transportation to Coronavirus Testing & Vaccine Sites Available to Hartford Residents

The City of Hartford will provide transportation to Coronavirus testing appointments to residents who meet the following criteria:

- No other means of transportation is available
- A Confirmed Test Order and A Testing Appointment
- A Confirmed Vaccine Appointment
- Appointment at facility in Hartford

For assistance, call 311 or (860) 757-9311. Staff available Monday to Friday, 8:00am - 5:00pm. For urgent appointments or change to existing transportation appointments after hours and on Saturdays, residents can call (860) 757-9525.



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## Financial Assistance Available for Home Heating Bills

Spring may be here, but many city residents are still worried about those home-heating bills! Do you know how you will pay to heat your home this year? Will you have the financial resources to do so?

If you are worried about how you will pay these big monthly expenses, the Community Renewal Team (CRT) may be able to assist you with your home-heating costs!

Fortunately, the deadline for all eligible households to apply for the CT Energy Assistance Program has been extended to Tuesday, June 15, 2021!

CRT can help individuals and families complete the application by phone, email, or in-person at our multi-service center in Hartford located at 395 Wethersfield Ave.

The Connecticut Energy Assistance Program is available to both homeowners and renters living in Connecticut to help them cover their home-heating expenses during these difficult times.

CRT is encouraging everyone throughout the state of Connecticut to find out if they qualify for this FREE program.

### Who qualifies to receive help from the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program?

There are income eligibility requirements to qualify for the CT Energy Assistance Program, and the Community Renewal Team can help you check to see if you are qualified.

In fact, the income eligibility requirements, per household, are quite generous – there is no harm in checking to see if you qualify, and there’s no shame in using this important service!

According to the Connecticut Department of Social Services, decisions regarding eligibility are based on the number of people living in your household. Specifically, household size includes both homeowners and renters that pay separately for heat; AND renters whose heat is included in the rent, as long as more than 30% of gross income is paid towards rent. For example:

- For a single person, the income level is up to \$37,645.

- For two people in the home, the income level is up to \$49,228.
- For a household of 4 people, the income level is up to \$72,394.

So again, many more people may be qualified this year than previously thought possible – it is worth checking to find out!

### What types of home-heating options are covered by the CT Energy Assistance Program?

For those who qualify for the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program, home-heating assistance pays for a household’s primary heating source, and this includes many different ways to heat your home. Heating sources include: oil, natural gas, electricity, propane, kerosene, coal, and even wood and wood pellets.

### How do I apply for the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program?

CRT maintains a call center with representatives ready to speak with individuals and help them complete their application over the phone. The call center representatives speak both English and Spanish.

If you live in Central Connecticut (i.e., Hartford County or Middlesex County), the fastest way to apply for the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program is to call CRT’s Energy Assistance Hotline @ 860-560-5800.

NOTE: Due to COVID-19, ALL Applications can be taken over the phone – this is for the health and safety of both CRT’s staff, and for the individuals applying for Energy Assistance.

Outside of Central Connecticut, please call 2-1-1 to find the Community Action Agency that can assist you.

CRT’s hotline number is: 860-560-5800, and it is available 24-hours a day – if you leave a message, someone will get back to you!

You can also visit CRT’s website for more information: <http://www.crtct.org/en/need-help/basic-needs/energy-assistance>



## Houses of Worship Recovering from Pandemic

With the gradual easing of COVID-19 restrictions, houses of worship throughout Hartford are preparing to begin services at full capacity for the first time in a year. This is especially good news for Christian churches since the Easter holiday is less than two weeks away, but other religious centers are also preparing, such as the Shri Krishna Mandir Hindu Temple (above) at 681 Broad Street in Hartford. Khilesh Adhin, a graduate of Bulkeley High School, is shown performing Aarti, ritual of worship, a part of puja, in which light (usually from a flame) is offered to one or more deities. (Hart photo)

# Twain and Stowe Houses to Re-open Early Next Month

The Harriet Beecher Stowe Center and The Mark Twain House & Museum are both reopening to the public for guided tours starting Thursday, April 8 and Saturday, April 10 respectively. Both historic homes were closed to the public for a large part of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Situated in the historic Nook Farm neighborhood located at the corner of Forest Street and Farmington Avenue in Hartford’s Asylum Hill neighborhood, these adjacent tourism attractions welcome tens of thousands of visitors and field trips annually. Both museums will resume tours with safe visitation protocols including reduced tour capacities and frequency and mandatory mask use for guests and staff. Due to the smaller tour sizes, advance online ticket reservations are highly recommended for both sites to avoid disappointment.

## Stowe Center

The Harriet Beecher Stowe Center at 77 Forest Street will restart guided tours Thursday, April 8. New evening hours on Thursdays, convenient online ticketing, best practices in COVID-19 safety, and small tour size all converge to make visits better than ever. New tour hours are Thursdays, 12:30pm-8pm (last tour at 7pm); Fridays, 11:30am-6:00pm (last tour at 5pm); and Saturdays, 8:30am-5:30pm (last tour at 4:30pm). Tours will run every hour on the hour Thursdays and Fridays. On Saturdays tours will expand with start times every 30 minutes. The museum highly recommends purchasing tickets online ahead of time; for more information, visit [stowecenter.org/visit/tour](http://stowecenter.org/visit/tour).

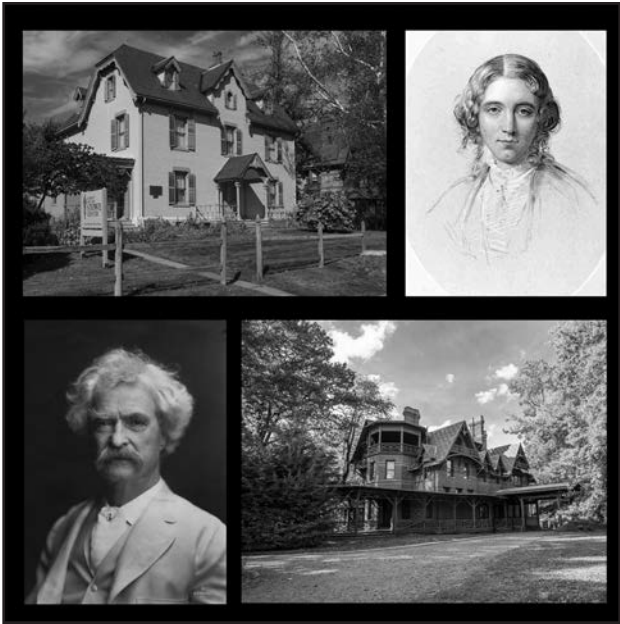
“We are eager to restart tours here at the Stowe

Center,” said Briann Greenfield, executive director of the Stowe Center. “It’s exciting to bring life back to the Nook Farm area in a safe and revitalized way. Join us to discuss Stowe’s work as an author and activist, the complicated legacy of Uncle Tom, and the relevance of her journey to social justice struggles today.”

The Harriet Beecher Stowe Center is a museum, research library, and program center in Hartford, Connecticut. Our mission is to preserve and interpret Stowe’s Hartford home and the center’s historic collections, promote vibrant discussion of her life and work, and inspire commitment to social justice and positive change. For more information on Stowe, her legacy, family, and her most famous novel, Uncle Tom’s Cabin, visit [stowecenter.org](http://stowecenter.org). Programs at the Harriet Beecher Stowe Center include a free community day on Harriet’s Birthday, June 12 (with a June 13 rain date) and a number of art installations in the garden this season, as well as the return of our Salons at Stowe series. Stowe Center programming is made possible in large part by the support of The Hartford, The Travelers Foundation, CT Humanities, and the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office the Arts.

## Mark Twain House

The Mark Twain House & Museum at 351 Farmington Avenue, will resume guided tours on Saturday, April 10. Tours will go out every hour on the half hour, with the first tour departing at 10:30am



Composite image (top left, clockwise): Harriet Beecher Stowe's historic home in Hartford, CT, lithograph of Harriet Beecher Stowe (1854), The Mark Twain House in Hartford, CT, portrait of Mark Twain (1910). Images courtesy of Harriet Beecher Stowe Center and The Mark Twain House & Museum.

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO DR. JOSEPH CRAIG YENNIE

1983 – 2016

It has been five years since God took you to serve with him by his side as one of his best angels.  
Every day, I talk with you. Every day, you walk beside me.  
Every day, your beautiful smile warms my world.  
But God knows the pain in my heart has never gone away.  
The space you left behind will never be filled, until we meet again.  
Your love and presence is felt today, tomorrow and always.

Your Mom, Hyacinth Yennie  
Sisters, Dr. Charlecynth Yennie (Roberts) Dr. Melissa Yennie (St. Juste) Christen Jones  
Nephews Jamel, Aiden and Lucas  
Niece, Chaya

We all miss you so much.



# 2021 Greater Hartford Saint Patrick’s Week Celebration



Tony Morris



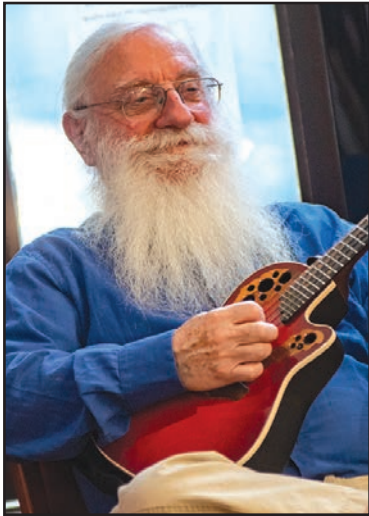
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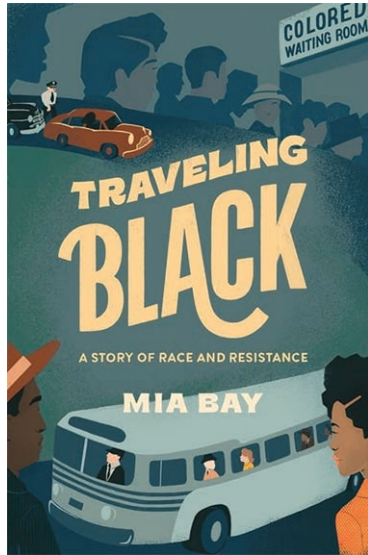
Bill Wallach

From March 13-19, the Greater Hartford Saint Patrick’s Week Celebration was held at 99 Pratt Street in Downtown Hartford. The event featured lectures and discussions on Irish history and culture, as well as live music each night. Musicians included Tony Morris, Jim Bunting, Tom Callinan, Claudine Langille, Eva Meier, Jon Warner, Melissa Murray Figueroa, Andrew Carey, Bill Wallach, Bill Katz and Karen O’Maxfield. The headline lecture was a two-hour presentation by Mike Fitzpatrick on the life and times of John McCormack, Ireland’s most suc-

cessful tenor. Murray-Figueroa presented a short lesson on the Irish language and played both fiddle and guitar. Presentations on Irish history and culture were on display in many of the shop windows along Pratt Street and Irish flags hung from the lampposts. Mike McGarry, organizer of the event, said had the weather been warmer, many of the performances would have been held outdoors on Pratt Street but March winds and chilly temperatures kept everything inside. (Hart photos)

## Hartford Virtual Events: Dance, Baseball, Jazz & More!

### Traveling Black: A Story Of Race And Resistance Thursday, March 25, 7pm



The Mark Twain House & Museum and the Harriet Beecher Stowe Center will present Dr. Mia Bay discussing her new book, *Traveling Black: A Story Of Race And Resistance*. Dr. Bay's book looks at the historical ways African Americans have been subjected to segregation by transportation - from stage coaches to buses and streetcars all the way up to Uber and air travel. Joining Dr. Bay will

be Dr. Raymond Arsenault, author of *Freedom Riders*. This event is free, but registration is required: [https://marktwainhouse.org/.../traveling-black-featuring...](https://marktwainhouse.org/.../traveling-black-featuring.../)

### Baby Grand Jazz: New England Jazz Ensemble Sunday, March 28, 3 pm



Hartford Public Library is continuing its popular Baby Grand Jazz (BGJ) series, made possible by the Kaman Foundation. Due to the current pandemic, the concerts will only be available online. BGJ con-

certs run every Sunday through April 25, 2021 at 3 pm and can be enjoyed online on either HPL's Facebook ([facebook.com/HartfordPublicLibrary](https://facebook.com/HartfordPublicLibrary)) or YouTube ([www.youtube.com/user/HPLCT](https://www.youtube.com/user/HPLCT)) pages. This Sunday the featured performer will be the New England Jazz Ensemble. The ensemble is comprised of Walter Gwardyak on the piano, Steven Bulmer on the bass, and Jonathan Mele on the drums. Gwardyak (piano) is a bebop pianist, composer and arranger whose five-decade career has many highlights, including: a summer playing with the Buddy Rich band in 1969; a decade as house pianist with the Sonny Costanza big band in the 1980s and 90s; and music director, composer and arranger for the New England Jazz Ensemble for over 20 years. Bulmer is a multi-dimensional musician actively performing and recording on upright bass, electric bass and tuba. Mele (drums) is a New York City-based freelance drummer, percussionist, composer and audio engineer. There will be no concert next Sunday, April 4, in recognition of Easter. The last three BGJ concerts of 2021 will be Jonathan Barber and Vision Ahead (April 11); People of Goodwill (April 18); and Nelson Bello (April 25). For more information about the series, visit <https://www.hplct.org/>

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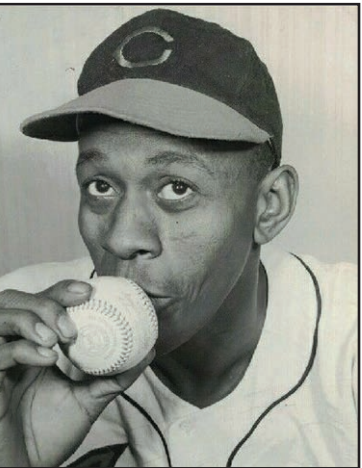
### Empowered Through Movement: Film Series Monday, March 29, 6 PM



The Hartford Dance Collective will present the final installment of *Empowered Through Movement*, a dance film series presented in honor of Women’s Month (March) on the Hartford Dance Collective’s YouTube page. Each vignette, based on a theme of female empowerment, shows virtual audiences an inside look on what makes us feel empowered. During this uncertain and bizarre time in our lives, we have collaborated to bring dance performance to film and show more up close and personal

stories through movement. To tune in, go to: [youtube.com/channel/UCwQH0NkXA5VxNDTgAeHy0BA](https://youtube.com/channel/UCwQH0NkXA5VxNDTgAeHy0BA)

### How the Negro Leagues Changed the Game....and America Too! Thursday, April 22, 7 PM



Join the Connecticut Historical Society Museum and Library (CHS) and guest speaker Bob Kendrick, President of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, to learn about baseball and civil rights. The discussion will provide an overview of the history of the Negro Leagues and its great stars. It will also shed light on how America’s unsung baseball heroes (including longtime Connecticutan Jackie Robinson) would help usher in the Civil Rights Movement in the U.S. Cost is \$6 for CHS members, \$10 for non-members. Event will be streamed live on Crowdcast. You can register here: <https://www.crowdcast.io/e/how-the-negro-leagues/register>. For more information, Email Natalie Belanger, Adult Programs Manager, at [natalie\\_belanger@chs.org](mailto:natalie_belanger@chs.org).

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# SINA Neighborhood Service Awards

*Nomination Due: Friday, April 16, 2021*

Candidate Nomination Form

The SINA Neighborhood Service Awards Program recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to our nearby neighborhoods. We invite you to nominate anyone who lives or works in the neighborhoods south of Capitol Avenue. You are encouraged to nominate those who have made a difference over an extended period of time, on paid or unpaid basis. The nominees can fall into one of these sample occupational categories: Community Volunteers, Agency Board Members, Recreation Workers, Social Workers, Store Owners, Teachers, Fire Fighters, Police Officers, and Government Officials. **You may attach additional materials, if you wish.**

*SINA is a partnership linking Connecticut Children’s Medical Center, Hartford Hospital, and Trinity College.*

NOMINEE’S INFORMATION

Nominee’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

REASON FOR NOMINATION

How long have you known this nominee? \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the community contributions for the past 1-5 years in Hartford which nominee should be recognized. Include the name of organizations and or committees if it applies:

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The nominee serves: \_\_\_\_ With pay or \_\_\_\_ Without pay

Share how the nominee’s activities enriched the neighborhood in south Hartford:

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What about the nominee differentiates them from others?

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NOMINATOR’S INFORMATION

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ Check box to give us permission to use your name when informing candidates of their nomination

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# El Informativo Latino

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### Tasa de positividad en CT aumenta ligeramente un 3.36%

El gobernador Ned Lamont dijo que la tasa de positividad de COVID-19 del estado aumentó ligeramente a 3.59%.

Las hospitalizaciones se redujeron en 13 en los últimos tres días, con lo que el total asciende a 389.

Nueve personas más han muerto a causa del virus desde el viernes. El número de muertos de Connecticut es ahora de 7.841. Con un aumento de 2.976 casos positivos de coronavirus, el estado está apenas por debajo de las 300.000 pruebas positivas totales desde marzo de 2020.

El Departamento de Salud Pública anunció el lunes que se han administrado más de 1 millón de dosis de la vacuna COVID-19 en Connecticut.

Según Lamont, se han administrado 1.042.185 primeras dosis y se han administrado 584.155 segundas dosis.

A continuación se muestra un desglose del porcentaje de personas vacunadas por grupo de edad:

- 75 y más: 79%
- 65 a 74: 76%
- 55 a 64: 53%
- 45 a 54: 22%

Todos los adultos mayores de 16 años: 36%

El gobernador dijo que Connecticut está en camino de abrir la vacunación a todas las personas de 16 años en adelante el 5 de abril.

By Iris Rodriguez

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Twain & Stowe House to Re-open

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EST and the last tour departing at 3:30pm EST. Tours will be limited to six guests to allow for social distance between visitors in every room of the house. The museum continues to monitor the ever-changing situation and is constantly updating their visitor guidelines as necessary. To ensure the best possible visitor experience, the museum highly recommends purchasing tickets online ahead of time. For the most up-to-date

information on hours and to purchase tickets, please visit [marktwainhouse.org/visit](http://marktwainhouse.org/visit).

“After a long, cold winter, we are delighted to be opening the Mark Twain House to the public once again,” said Pieter Roos, the museum’s executive director. “We look forward to welcoming visitors from around the country, to learn about and enjoy the remarkable legacy of Mark Twain and his family in Hartford.”

The Mark Twain House & Museum is the restored Hartford, Connecticut home where American author Samuel Clemens -- Mark Twain -- and his family lived from 1874 to 1891. Twain wrote his most important works, including *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, *The Adventures*

of Tom Sawyer, and *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*, during the years he lived there. The museum offers tours of the restored Mark Twain House, along with a variety of programs that celebrate and promote Twain’s literary legacy.

Programs at The Mark Twain House & Museum are made possible in part by support from the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of the Arts, and the Greater Hartford Arts Council’s United Arts Campaign and its Travelers Arts Impact Grant program, with major support from The Travelers Foundation. For more information call 860-247-0998 or visit [marktwainhouse.org](http://marktwainhouse.org)

Parking Authority

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to spend on shopping and dining. Haven’t we already seen far too many places close up for good? Rampant ticketing is a major deterrent. Yes, it puts bucks in the city coffers, but at what cost? Hartford will eventually (hopefully) get back on its feet, but if there was ever a time for a good will policy, this is it. That being said, I have a couple of ideas to put out there.

How about a couple of “Free Parking Downtown” days? Maybe Tuesdays and Thursdays, to bring more people in for lunch, shopping, and strolling. And merchants and restaurateurs could also offer specials or discounts on those days to make it even more attractive to come downtown. (Beatrice Fox Auerbach is nodding from the

great beyond).  
Hold off on pulling the ticket trigger on overtime metered street parking; call it a “grace period”. If an HPA enforcer sees a parked car with the paid time about to expire, instead of waiting to pounce like a buzzard circling a carcass, do this: If the person paid through the app, send a text--something like “Your time will expire at 2 p.m. If you move your vehicle by 2:15 (or even 2:30) p.m. you will not be ticketed.” And if paid at the kiosk, then the ticketers can have slips that read “Your paid time expired at 2:00 p.m.”, with a space to fill in the blank; “If you have not moved your vehicle by(time) you will be ticketed”, and place it on the windshield.  
BID, the Chamber of Commerce, and Metro Hartford Alliance, what say you?

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CREC Dance Showcase Online Friday

On Friday, March 26th, students from the CREC Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts Half Day program will perform the work of professional choreographers Rennie Harris, Larry Keigwin, Leslie Frye Maietta and Brandon Collwes. This annual event is being held online this year due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. You must get a free ticket for this event, just click <https://greater-hartford-academy-of-the-arts-half-day-program.ticketleap.com/>. Your code will give you access to one week of streaming (ending 4/2), and our opening night talk back.

Pet Pantry at Holy Trinity Friday

On Friday, March 26, AID-a-Pet and Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, 53 Capitol Avenue, Downtown Hartford, will hold a free Pet Pantry, from 10 AM – 1 PM. Free pet food, kitty litter, spay/neuter vouchers will be available.

Hands On Hartford Free Easter Community Meal

Hands on Hartford will hold a free Community Easter Meal on

Sunday, April 4. The meal will begin at 11:30am. There will be take-out style, with limited indoor seating at Hands On Hartford's Center for Community, 55 Bartholomew Avenue (off Park Street, two blocks west of Pope Park), Hartford. The meal will include: all-beef kielbasa, grilled peppers and onions, roasted dill potatoes, pasta salad, maple ginger glazed carrots and carrot cake. In addition, there will be Easter baskets for kids under 12 who attend and small "care packages" for adults.

Virtual Presentation on Future of Park River April 1

"Hidden Gems: Revival of the Muddy River within the Emerald Necklace," a virtual program on the future of the North Branch of the Park River, will be shown online on Thursday, April 1 from 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm. The event is being hosted by the Park River Watershed. Please register in advance, <https://www.emerald-necklace.org/event/hidden-gems/>.

Statewide School Career Fair March 31

The State of Connecticut will host its first annual one-day career school fair, on Wednesday, March 31. The virtual CareerConn 2021, free to attendees, will showcase

career tracks and opportunities available through Connecticut's many independent postsecondary occupational schools. CareerConn 2021 will be an immersive 3D virtual career school fair with video presentations, virtual exhibit booths, and live one-on-one conversations with advisors. CareerConn 2021, designed as an in-school virtual field trip, with rolling registration—students can log in anytime between 9 am to 4 pm. Representatives from more than 25 occupational schools will be on hand and available to answer questions on the schools' programs, career paths, admission requirements, the application process, tuition, financial aid, and more. For details about the fair schedule, Career Track workshops, registration, visit <https://careerconn.org/>.

Free First Saturday at Historical Society April 3

The Connecticut Historical Society Museum and Library, One Elizabeth Street, Hartford, will offer free admission on Saturday, April 3, from 9 am - 5 pm. In addition to free admission, we will have a new family Grab and Go Bag available for one day only! Explore our Inns and Taverns Signs of Connecticut exhibit to discover the stories of these New England businesses from long

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Access Health CT Special Enrollment Period Extended to April 15

Due to high demand, Access Health CT (AHCT) has extended the deadline for its Special Enrollment from March 15 to April 15. The Special Enrollment Period is for consumers who are not currently enrolled in coverage through AHCT. Those who enroll before March 16 will begin receiving coverage April 1, 2021; those who enroll before April 15 will begin receiving coverage May 1, 2021. To enroll, you must pay your first month's premium (monthly payment). Financial help will continue to be available to consumers who qualify. To find out more, go to [AccessHealthCT.com](https://AccessHealthCT.com) or call 1-855-805-4325, Mon. – Fri. 8 AM - 4 PM.

Church to Hold Compost Sale

On Saturday April 24th, the Church of the Good Shepherd at 155 Wyllys Street in Hartford will be hosting a compost sale. Prices will be significantly lower than compost available commercially.

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Scouts Seeking New Members

Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts Pack 2 and Boy Scouts Troop 2 of Hartford at the Salvation Army on Nelson St. Hartford, CT are back in session. They are seeking new members to their troops, for more info contact Cub Master Luna at (860) 983-5629.

Library Starts New Chess Club

DIG USA is partnering with Hartford Public Library to teach chess to Hartford students between Grades 9-12. Every student that participates will receive free meals delivered to feed the entire family each week and a tournament official chess set and chess clock along with a bag for the chess pieces. The group meets Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays between 7-8pm. No experience necessary. Must attend a high school in Hartford. Professional chess coaches. Chess Set and Chess Clock provided. Email [scarr@hplct.org](mailto:scarr@hplct.org) for more information.

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